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The New Year will soon be upon us, and now is the season of the year when reading people usually select their matter for the coming year. Our church paper is devoted to the interests of the church, and our brethren everywhere should take and read it. It exerts an influence, though quiet, that is not properly estimated. Those churches whose members take it and read it are alive to the good work in a much greater degree than those where such is not the case. Ministers should take special interest in doing this. If any are disposed to believe that their support might be diminished by such a course, make a mistake. The one who knows nothing about the works of the church and the life it contains, lacks one means of enthusiasm, and the lesson of stinginess that he teaches himself in neglecting his church paper, only makes him more so in every thing in the line of religion.

THE EVANGELIST costs only three cents per week, and there is no one who can not afford to take it. Those who might not have ready money can secure it by a little effort in canvassing, and there are good brethren everywhere who are willing to help those who are willing to help themselves.

We believe now that we understand one another as a general Brotherhood, and during the coming year, the EVANGELIST will be such a religious periodical that no one need to hesitate to place it in the hands of their friends and all of the Brethren. We are Progressive christians, and it is our purpose to publish a progressive paper. We have room to improve the paper, and we hope to be able to gradually fill the room. But we see that all remember that we share in the general struggle that our people and our church have everywhere, and we need the earnest co-operation of the Brethren everywhere. We work hard, live plainly, indulge in no luxuries, and receive very low wages for what we do. We are content to do this, believing it will redound to the glory of God and the good of the cause, but we are not anxious to be selfish in this, and the brethren everywhere are kindly invited to push the circulation of the paper, and get it into as many homes as possible in and out of the church. It will be a leaven wherever put that will work for our cause.

Now Brethren, we await many hearty responses in the way of nice lists of names for 1887. Remember the paper will be sent free the remainder of this year to new subscribers.

Tracts.

In this age, the literature is one of the best agents that can be found to propagate Christianity, and to meet this want of the church more fully, we have commenced to publish a series of four-page tracts, for use in evangelistic work. The sbujects of those now in press are as follows: "Doctrines of the Brethren Church," "Facts about Trine Immersion," "Testimonies on the Love Feast," and "The New Birth." Others will be printed as it can be conveniently done, and our practiced writers are invited to assist in the work. Any one having a good subject, and good thought, who feels an interest in this work, is invited to correspond with this office, and if the ground is not covered by any other writer, his production may be used.

Each tract will contain about 1300 words, will be printed in same type as the inside of the EVANGELIST, and will be sold at 25 cents per hundred, by mail, or $2.00 per thousand by express.

This is so cheap that we ought to sow the country full of tracts in a short time, setting forth our claims as a church, why we practice the ordinances as we do, why men should believe the gospel, and why they should repent of their sins.

Now brethren let us become sowers of the good seed. At an expense of a few dollars we can call the attention of hundreds to our faith and the gospel.

Ashland College.

The second term of Ashland College for the year opened last week. The increase of the number of students from the vicinity of Ashland was very satisfactory. The school has a good local standing and from this source the institution is enjoying a creditable patronage. But from our own people it is not what it should be. It seems that when our brethren have children to send, many of them forget that we have an institution that needs their patronage. And then there are many children among our people who should receive a better education than what they possess, and they should be sent here to school. Especially is this true of our young men. While there are many who do not desire to prepare for teaching, they should have a knowledge of book-keeping and some training in the line of a business education. This knowledge would be useful, every day of their lives, almost, and every child should receive such instructions, if it is possible to meet the expense.

Brethren, do not forget that we are trying to build up an educational institution, and need your support.

Now We Complain.

Brethren in California have complained very freely that their manuscript was given little or no attention, and as we publish a long letter from a brother who resides in San Francisco, we want to say that there is still some lacking and why. The reason why there is complaint, is because we cannot give satisfaction because the manuscript is so bad. It required an actual hour of our time to look over the article we publish this week, and then we had to strike out whole sections because it could not be read; and then it took the compositor nearly twice as long to set it as it should have done. The proof reader had to spend half an hour of extra time to try to make it represent about what the author meant; and now we have not the satisfaction of being sure that we have printed what he intended to write. Take it all around, we would have saved by paying the writer 75 cents rather than publish the article. We have an article from the same pen, six months or a year old, which we have held, hoping to catch a half a day spare time to study it out and re-write it.

Now we do not want our brother to feel angry at us because we have written this. We only want to tell our brethren who complain about our disregard, why it is, and to impress our writers with the fact that we, and our compositors do not read written articles by inspiration, and when the writer has a peculiar style, we cannot interpret his words when the writing will mean almost any thing in the vocabulary of the English language.

We beg pardon brethren, for this offence, and hope you will use plenty of paper, and not write your lines so close together that they shall look as though they were married before being well-formed. We plead for mercy.

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

Bro. E. L. Yoder is slowly recovering his eye sight, under the care of an experienced oculist, and hopes to move to Nebraska this fall yet. Only one of his eyes was seriously effected.

Prof. Howard Miller in his report of the Johnstown meetings says, in effect that our brethren at that place are, many of them, dissatisfied "and should be back again in the old church where they belong." But as there is nothing to hinder any one from making a change in his church relationship if he desires to do so, the fact that such change was not made while Howard was there ready to receive them, is a mystery that Howard does not explain.

The western brother who gave us the article on the "Quinter church," wishes the Messenger to notice that his advice to the Brethren was to say the church at the place of location, and not of as the Messenger has it; and if that Journal would have spoken of the *church at Quinter* instead of the *Quinter church*, there would have been no misunderstanding about the matter.

Bro. Mallott writes that they had a grand communion in brother Bashor's charge in Iowa. He writes that he does not know when he will leave Iowa. They must be treating him well out there.

A number of families belonging to the G. B. church are leaving Missouri for Florida this fall. They had all arranged to meet at Lockwood, in Dade county, but some of the party became involved in a law-suit by which the arrangement was thrown into confusion, causing some of the families to incur an expensive and vexatious layover at that place.

A brother Lehman of Kansas writes that he appreciates the EVANGELIST, but that some wild shots are made. Well to err is human, and men who strike hard are as apt to miss the mark once in awhile as any other, and then it is more noticeable. Some men seldom hit the mark, but then their strokes are so weak that no one notices them.

The following sensible truths were uttered by the late session of the Carlyle, Ill., Presbytery:

The Alton Presbytery, at its late session in Carlyle, Ill., made the following declaration as a part of its report on temperance:

Presbytery has no confidence in the most orthodox temperance opinions and resolutions, except as they are consistently applied in the business of life and the duty of citizenship. The saloon is a political institution, entrenched behind the laws and the covetousness of our people. It can be supressed only by political action, guding its ultimate expression through the ballot box. Neither moral suasion nor political ecclesiastical discussions and resolutions can, by themselves, relieve us of the curse. We should vote right, as well as talk and resolve and pray aright, We therefore urge upon our people, as a matter of Christian duty and conscience, to refrain from the support of candidates or parties who either support the liquor traffic or advocate its license, especially the abomination called high license.

We notice from the G. M., that R. R. Berkeybile has left St. Louis and located at Falls City, Nebraska, where he expects to devote his time in building up the G. B. church at that place. We are also informed that the G. B. church at that place agree to pay him for his service. This is a new departure in harmony with the teaching of the Gospel.

Prof. Leonard Huber has written an article for a public journal in which he takes the position that Christ ate two meals in connection with the washing of the Apostle's feet; the one the *diepnon*, or chief meal of the day, eaten before the washing of feet, and the other the *pascha*, or annual feast of the jews, eaten immediately after the washing of feet, at which the *eucharist* was instituted. This is, to say the least of it, a new view of this question upon which theologians and scholars are so much at variance with each other.

The Brethren of the Fair View church, Ohio, have been holding a protracted meeting, and a communion was held last Saturday.

We have an article on the Ohio Home Mission by brother Isaac Kilhefner which we were obliged to hold until next week on account of so much matter coming in late.

We made great arrangements to attend the love feast at Fair Haven last Saturday, and went to the station for that purpose. Then we learned that the train would not stop at the station where we had expected to meet brethren. It was then too late to go by private conveyance. We were so completely beaten, that to mollify our disappointment, we went to Dayton and spent Lord's day with the brethren there.

The Dayton church property case will come up for a hearing in the Circuit Court on the 29th of this month. If the brethren intend to do the best in presenting our claims, it is necessary that proper arrangements are made.

Bro. Brown's lecture on California is a new enterprise; and as it is for the benefit of the Ohio Mission, we can both pray for it and wish it success.

We wish there were hundreds of such hearty College sympathizers as sister Mary Miller. It would then require only a short time to finish the college canvass.

News Along the Line.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—I this morning send you the result of the formation of another Brethren Church, known as the Brethren church at Somerset, Wabash Co., Ind. At this point there were six members scattered about, namely, Bro. Wagner and wife, Bro. Crumrine and wife, Sister Lib Turner, and a young sister whom they call Anna, all rather isolated from one another and from the general brotherhood. By the earnest solicitation of Bro. Wagner and wife I went to their assistance on Tuesday, the 28th of Oct., and held meetings for seven days. The result was 6 accessions, 4 by relation and 2 by baptism. On the 2nd inst. I returned and labored with them until Thursday evenning the 11th. The result was 11 more baptisms and one by relation. The beauty of it is these members are the very cream of the community. The church was organized on Thursday evening by the election of the following officers: Brethren Garret and Turner, Trustees; Bro. King Secretary; Bro. Kurts, Treas.; Bro. Wagner, Deacon; Bro. John Fox, of Peru, Ind., was engaged to preach for them, and the writer was chosen Elder. Would further say that Bro. Fox was present at the close of the meeting and did the baptizing for me, which service I appreciated very much. I think that if I could have continued longer there would have been more accessions, but on account of other engagements, I was forced to close the meetings which I did. I have promised to go back in the near future and hold another meeting for them. So you see, brethren, that the good cause is moving along. Here is a point where a little over a month ago there were only 6 isolated and scattered members, now there is a membership of twentythree, well organized and ready for service in a community that has been fully aroused, and we predict for the Somerset church a bright future. These brethren are good workers and have a good field to work. May the Lord bless their labor.

J. W. FITZGERALD.

Homer, Ohio.

Our communion is now among the things of the past, and an enjoyable meeting it was. Not so many communed as at other times, but thirty-five surrounded the tables, and these were all our own members except Sister Gault, of West Salem. Other neighboring church members left us to hold this meeting ourselves. We expected to have preaching next day, but no one came to preach, and our own pastor had an appointment elsewhere, so we could have no meeting at home. Several of our brethren and sisters followed their pastor to his place of preaching, going from 8 to 14 miles and so had a full house. Many things contributed to make our communnion small in attendance. 1. A heavy snow storm the night previous and all that forenoon. 2. Many of our members live at a distance from the meeting-house, and so could hardly get there, the roads being heavy.

Our deacons ably assisted the pastor in the labors of the evening. Bro. Atkins read the chapter on feet-washing. Bro. Homan invaked the divine blessing on the supper, and Bro. John Hart closed the services with a most appropriate prayer, so that when we are left alone we do not become demoralized. Thank God we have enough faithful brethren and sisters to stand alone if needs be.

Just one more peep into our prayer meeting and we close. Last Thursday evening a stranger coming in would first hear the congregation sing a hymn, then Bro. Atkins read a chapter in the N. T., after which another hymn and prayer, followed by singing and prayer, till seventeen of our own brethren and sisters and one Second Adventist had publicly led in prayer, when we all united in repeating the Lord's prayer, sang a hymn and went out, feeling that it was good to be there. Our motto is, onward and upward.

Brethren and sisters remember us.

H. S. JACOBS.

Williams, Oregon.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Today will be the last meeting that I will hold at Williams Creek. On the 2nd of the month we will start for Myrtle Point, to make that our home, and there labor with the brethren for the next year. May God crown our labors with success. I have been at a loss to know what to do here before we leave, some 8 or 10 wanting me to organize a church here. I have not done so because there would be no one to see after it. What our labors have been worth during our stay here of one and a half years, we can't tell, but from appearances and general conversation, our labors have not been in vain. The G. B. Elder had a meeting the other Sunday. There were eight to hear him. He tried it again at night with a like result. I also had meeting that night and had a crowded house.

WM. PULLEN.

Money! Money! Money!

That is what is required to keep our business moving. Here we are dependent and asked to pay for every thing we need in the way of paper, ink, fuel, labor, food and clothing. We have been patient with patrons who have not found it convenient to pay what is agreed upon before this time. The year is now drawing to a close and we do sincerely expect all such patrons will not forget that we have debts to pay, and need the money that is due, and will forward it soon without further notice. It costs time and money to send statements, and then there are those who regard them as unbrotherly.